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1. Because of the food shortages in Poland, miners in the Katowice and Chorzow areas are refusing to go into the pits until they are given permits to buy meat.
2. The trouble first started at a small mine when 250 miners sent a delegate to the management to say that they would not go underground until they were given meat or priority permits to purchase it. After about two hours of negotiation between the colliery management and the miners' delegate, special permits were given to the miners entitling them to purchase 400 grams of meat. They then returned to work. Workers at other pits, when they heard about it, followed suit, the result being that about twice per week colliery managers are forced to issue meat permits before they can get their staff to work. No disciplinary action has been taken against the miners or colliery officials.

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